



MWR YAKIMA JOHN WAYNE TRAIL RE-OPENED



WHO: LTC Jason A. Evers of Yakima Training Center along with Jason Both, WA State Parks and Warren Hurley, Chinook Cycling cut the ribbon to reopen the John Wayne Trail

WHAT: Ribbon cutting re-opened the John Wayne Trail/ Awards to heavy equipment operators of YTC PW.

WHEN: 2 May 2015

WHERE: East Trail Head at Doris

WHY: The July 2014 the Saddle Mountain fire burned 6 wood trestles causing closure for safety purposes.

SUMMARY: The 22 mile stretch of John Wayne Pioneer Trail on the northern expansion of Yakima Training Center was reopened for recreational use. Yearly 300 horses, 200 hikers, 90 mountain bikers and 22 wagons pulled by horses use this popular trail. The trail is part of the Iron Horse State Park Trail that is 300 miles running from the ocean across 2/3 of Washington to Teko Idaho. It was established along the old Milwaukee Railroad line.

The quick efforts of YTC public works department repaired the burned trestles with 420 manhours in nine months. The 3 heavy equipment operators were honored and thanked.

On hand for the ribbon cutting were Washington State Parks Commissioner Steve Milner, Regional Manager Scott Griffith, Area Manager Jason Both, Nikki Fields the Trail Planner along with members of the Back Country Horsemen, Ellensburg Equestrians, Chinook Cycling and John Wayne Wagon and Riders representatives along with Directors of Yakima Training Center.

